

Appendix F:

Summary of DES Authorizations 2002



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DES Application Fee Schedule 2002

Authorization Type	Fee
Air Quality	
Temporary Air Emission Permit	<p>No fixed application fee. The emission-based fee is an annual fee that all permitted sources pay for each ton of pollutant emitted for each calendar year, up to 4,000 tons per pollutant. All permitted sources are subject to the emission-based fee. The applicability of the fee is not based on the type of permit, but whether the source is required to have a permit, and then the fee is based on actual emissions. This method provides an economic incentive for sources to reduce emissions, since the fee is assessed only for pollutants actually emitted. Testing and monitoring fees for this permit, for sources not subject to the Title V Operating Permit Program, are assessed based on expenses incurred in coordinating compliance testing, witnessing the actual test, and reviewing the final technical report submitted to DES. Testing/monitoring expenses include the DES engineer's salary/benefit costs for the time spent on a particular testing program, travel expenses, and lodging/meal costs (see NH CODE ADMIN. RULES Env-A 702, "Rules Governing the Control of Air Pollution/Permit Review Fees", http://www.des.state.nh.us/rules/env-a700.pdf. See also http://www.des.state.nh.us/ard/whatfees.htm).</p>
State Air Emission Permit-to-Operate	<p>No application fee. The emission-based fee is an annual fee that all permitted sources pay for each ton of pollutant emitted for each calendar year, up to 4,000 tons per pollutant. This method provides an economic incentive for sources to reduce emissions, since the fee is assessed only for pollutants actually emitted (see NH CODE ADMIN. RULE Env-A 702 ("Rules Governing the Control of Air Pollution/Permit Review Fees", http://www.des.state.nh.us/rules/env-a700.pdf). Also see "What Fees Are Required for an Air Permit" (http://www.des.state.nh.us/ard/whatfees.htm) and DES Fact Sheet #ARD-17 (http://www.des.state.nh.us/factsheets/ard/ard-17.htm) for more information about fees.</p>

General State Air Permit for Emergency Generators (Internal Combustion Engines)	No application fee. The emission-based fee is an annual fee that all permitted sources pay for each ton of pollutant emitted for each calendar year, up to 4,000 tons per pollutant. This method provides an economic incentive for sources to reduce emissions, since the fee is assessed only for pollutants actually emitted (see NH CODE ADMIN. RULES Rule Env-A 702 (“Rules Governing the Control of Air Pollution/Permit Review Fees”, http://www.des.state.nh.us/rules/env-a700.pdf). Also see “What Fees Are Required for an Air Permit” (http://www.des.state.nh.us/ard/whatfees.htm) and DES Fact Sheet #ARD-17 (http://www.des.state.nh.us/factsheets/ard/ard-17.htm) for more information about fees.
New Source Review/Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit	Sources subject to either NSR or PSD permits are required to pay a permit review fee in accordance with Env-A 702 (“Rules Governing the Control of Air Pollution/Permit Review Fees”, http://www.des.state.nh.us/rules/env-a700.pdf). The permit review fee is based on the actual time spent by DES staff in processing the permit application. Sources also pay an emission-based fee, which is an annual fee that all permitted sources pay for each ton of pollutant emitted during each calendar year, up to 4,000 tons per pollutant. This method provides an economic incentive for sources to reduce emissions, since the fee is assessed only for pollutants actually emitted. For more information on fees, see “What Fees Are Required for an Air Permit” (http://www.des.state.nh.us/ard/whatfees.htm) and DES Fact Sheet #ARD-17 (http://www.des.state.nh.us/factsheets/ard/ard-17.htm).
Title V Operating Permit	An annual emission-based fee which requires all permitted sources to pay for each ton of pollutant emitted for each calendar year, up to 4,000 tons per pollutant. For calendar year 2000 emissions, the emission-based fee is \$57.65 per ton. This fee is re-established annually by the DES Air Resources Division (see http://www.des.state.nh.us/ard/whatfees.htm)
Stage I/II Gasoline Vapor Recovery Certificate	With each notification of construction, installation or significant modification, a non-refundable fee of \$75 is required for Stage I, and a non-refundable fee of \$200 is required for Stage II systems. The Stage I fee is waived for facilities which also are required to have Stage II. Upon completion of a significant modification to a Stage I or Stage II system, the facility owner must submit a new fee and, for Stage II systems, the facility must successfully complete a new vapor recovery test. A Stage II certification renewal fee of \$200 is due within 90 days prior to the 3-year certificate expiration date, and the facility must successfully complete a new vapor recovery test (see NH CODE ADMIN. RULES Env-A 1205.09 and Env-A 1205.28, “Rules Governing the Control of Air Pollution/Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs): Gasoline Dispensing Facilities and Cargo Trucks”, http://www.des.state.nh.us/ard/enva1205.pdf).
Municipal Burn Authorization	None

Drinking Water																							
Community Large Well Site Approval	None																						
Community Small Well Site Approval	None																						
Public Water System Design/Letter of Approval	A design review fee applies only to projects that create a new public water system or to projects for the conversion of a non-community system to a community system. Projects that expand or modify existing public water systems do not require a design review fee. The fee is \$45 per residential unit or residential equivalent unit. A residential equivalent unit is equal to 300 gallons per day.																						
Public Water System Permit-to-Operate	Public water systems are defined in three categories, dependent upon the frequency with which the public uses them. All “community” and “non-transient/non-community” systems must obtain a Permit-to-Operate, but only privately-owned systems are required to pay a fee. “Community” Permit-to-Operate fee: \$10/residential-equivalent unit, with a maximum fee of \$300; “Non-transient/Non-community” Permit-to-Operate fee: \$150/year; and “Transient/Non-community Permit-to-Operate fee: None.																						
Drinking Water System Operator Certificate	The fee for water treatment certifications, distribution certifications, or combined treatment/distribution (Grade 1A) certifications is \$50 per certification. For a person who holds both a treatment and distribution certificate in Grades I - IV, the fee is \$100. The fee to re-take the certification exam is \$50.																						
Environmental Laboratory Accreditation	<p>(1) A base fee of \$100 plus the applicable amount(s) from (2) below must be submitted with the application. The fee is non-refundable.</p> <p>(2) The non-refundable fee paid must include the applicable amount(s) from the table below:</p> <p>Additional Charges to be Included with the Non-Refundable Fee:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type of Accreditation Requested</th><th>Charge</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Microbiology</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr> <td>Limited inorganic chemistry (only)</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr> <td>One or two metals (only)</td><td>\$100</td></tr> <tr> <td>Microbiology and limited inorganic chemistry</td><td>\$150</td></tr> <tr> <td>Microbiology and one or two metals</td><td>\$150</td></tr> <tr> <td>Microbiology, limited inorganic chemistry, and one or two metals</td><td>\$250</td></tr> <tr> <td>Metals and/or inorganic chemistry</td><td>\$400</td></tr> <tr> <td>Organic chemistry</td><td>\$400</td></tr> <tr> <td>Radiological chemistry</td><td>\$250</td></tr> <tr> <td>Each performance-based method that must be evaluated</td><td>\$175</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Type of Accreditation Requested	Charge	Microbiology	\$100	Limited inorganic chemistry (only)	\$100	One or two metals (only)	\$100	Microbiology and limited inorganic chemistry	\$150	Microbiology and one or two metals	\$150	Microbiology, limited inorganic chemistry, and one or two metals	\$250	Metals and/or inorganic chemistry	\$400	Organic chemistry	\$400	Radiological chemistry	\$250	Each performance-based method that must be evaluated	\$175
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	(3) In addition to the fee specified above, the laboratory must reimburse the State of New Hampshire for staff time and travel expenses of the on-site assessment. The exact amount will vary depending on the analyses for which accreditation is requested and the location of the laboratory.																					
Water Well Contractor License	<p>\$25 application fee for new license applicants; \$10 examination fee for each license category; \$225 annual fee for technical drilling contractors; and for contractors (other than technical drilling contractors), an annual fee based on the type of equipment used, as follows:</p> <table><tr><th>Well Type</th><th>Construction Equipment/Technique</th><th>Fee</th></tr><tr><td>Dug wells</td><td>Backhoe (or similar equipment)</td><td>\$100</td></tr><tr><td>Point Wells</td><td>Jetting, Driving, or Auguring</td><td>\$150</td></tr><tr><td>Washed Wells</td><td>Wash Well Machine</td><td>\$150</td></tr><tr><td>Drilled Wells</td><td>Cable Tool Machine</td><td>\$150</td></tr><tr><td>Drilled Wells</td><td>Rotary Drilling Machine</td><td>\$225</td></tr><tr><td>Monitor Wells</td><td>Includes Multiple Technologies and/or Equipment</td><td>\$225</td></tr></table> <p>For contractors who are licensed for more than one type of equipment, the fee charged is the highest applicable fee.</p>	Well Type	Construction Equipment/Technique	Fee	Dug wells	Backhoe (or similar equipment)	\$100	Point Wells	Jetting, Driving, or Auguring	\$150	Washed Wells	Wash Well Machine	\$150	Drilled Wells	Cable Tool Machine	\$150	Drilled Wells	Rotary Drilling Machine	\$225	Monitor Wells	Includes Multiple Technologies and/or Equipment	\$225
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Pump Installer License	\$25 application fee; \$10 examination fee for either domestic or commercial license category; \$100 annual license fee																					
Bottled Water Source Approval	None for DES/\$125-\$140 for DHHS Bottled Water License																					
Youth Recreation Camp License	\$50 per camp per year																					
Surface Water																						
Section 401 Water Quality Certificate	None																					
Site Specific Permit	\$100 for up to 200,000 square feet of impact; an additional \$100 for each additional 100,000 square feet, or portion thereof, of impact																					
Temporary Surface Water Discharge Permit	None																					
Public Bathing Facility Construction Approval	\$100 per application																					
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Standard Dredge and Fill – Major/Minor/Minimum Impact Projects	\$100 per boat slip requested plus \$0.04 per square foot of impact requested (not necessarily granted), with a \$50 minimum. Example #1) 7,000 sq. ft. of wetland impact: 7,000 x \$0.04 = \$280. Example #2) 6-foot by 30-foot permanent dock (2 slips): (180 sq. ft x \$0.04) + \$200 = \$207.20. Example #3) 300 square feet of tidal marsh: 300 sq. ft. x \$0.04 = \$12, therefore fee = \$50.																					

Standard Dredge and Fill – Emergency Authorization	Generally, no fee is collected at the time that an Emergency Authorization is issued. However, for those projects that require a follow-up application, fees are established by RSA 482-A:3, I (“Fill and Dredge in Wetlands/Excavating and Dredging Permit; Certain Exemptions”, http://gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/L/482-A/482-A-3.htm) at \$0.04 per square foot of impact requested impact, with a minimum fee of \$50.
Minimum Impact Expedited Permit	\$50
Minimum Impact Agricultural Permit	\$50
Recreational Mineral Dredge Permit	\$25 for New Hampshire residents; \$50 for non-residents
Minimum Impact Forestry/Timber Harvesting Notification	\$25
Seasonal Dock Notification for Lakes and Ponds	None
Minimum Impact Trail Development Notification	\$25
Groundwater	
Large Groundwater Withdrawal (“Major”) Permit	None
Large Groundwater Withdrawal (“Minor”) Permit	None
Underground Injection Control Registration for Floor Drains	None
Holding Tank Registration	None
Groundwater Release Detection Permit	\$1,000 (The application fee is waived for state, county and municipal government.)
Temporary Groundwater Discharge Permit	None
Groundwater Discharge Permit	\$1,000
Groundwater Management Permit	\$1,000 (State and local government, including counties and other political subdivisions, are <u>exempt</u> from this fee.)
Dam Safety	
Class AA Dam Permit (Non-Hazard Potential)	\$250 application fee. (Class AA dams are <u>not</u> subject to an annual dam registration fee to support the State Dam Inspection Program.) The DES Dam Bureau will assess all impacts of dam failure when assigning a hazard classification (see http://www.des.state.nh.us/factsheets/dam/db-15.htm). If the assessment confirms the Class AA designation, no further fees will be required.
Class A Dam Permit (Low Hazard Potential)	\$250 application fee. Class A dams are subject to an annual dam registration fee of \$100 to support the State Dam Inspection Program. The DES Dam Bureau will assess all impacts of dam failure when assigning a hazard classification (see http://www.des.state.nh.us/factsheets/dam/db-15.htm). <u>Note:</u> If the assessment confirms that the dam is a Class A structure, an additional payment of \$250 will be required.
Class B Dam Permit (Significant Hazard Potential)	\$250 application fee. Class B dams are subject to an annual dam registration fee of \$300 to support the State Dam Inspection Program. The DES Dam

	Bureau will assess all impacts of dam failure when assigning a hazard classification (see http://www.des.state.nh.us/factsheets/dam/db-15.htm). Note: If the assessment confirms a Class B designation, an additional filing fee of \$750 will be required.
Class C Dam Permit (High Hazard Potential)	\$250 application fee. Class C dams are subject to an annual dam registration fee of \$600 to support the State Dam Inspection Program. The DES Dam Bureau will assess all impacts of dam failure when assigning a hazard classification (see http://www.des.state.nh.us/factsheets/dam/db-15.htm). Note: If the assessment confirms a Class C designation, an additional filing fee of \$1,000 will be required.
Hydropower Dam Permit (All Hazard Classifications)	\$250 application fee, plus a fee corresponding to the assigned hazard classification. An additional \$100 initial deposit must be submitted with the application to cover costs associated with a public hearing. Additional monies may be required depending on the final cost of the process. An annual dam registration fee, to support the State Dam Inspection Program, may be required depending upon the resulting hazard classification. The DES Dam Bureau will assess all impacts of dam failure when assigning hazard classifications (see http://www.des.state.nh.us/factsheets/dam/db-15.htm). Note: Depending on the classification of the structure, an additional filing fee may be necessary.
Septic System/Real Property Subdivision	
Approval for Septic System Construction/Operation	\$90 per septic system submission
Approval for Real Property Subdivision	\$80/lot or unit
Designer of Subsurface Disposal Systems License	\$40 per exam; \$40 per renewal
Installer of Subsurface Disposal Systems License	\$40 per exam; \$40 per renewal
Wastewater	
Sewer Connection Permit	\$50 application fee. Fee payment is not required for connection requests by state agencies, county or municipal governments, sewer districts, or school districts.
Sewerage Design Review/Letter of Approval	Review fee is based on the project's estimated wastewater flow rate; currently assessed at \$0.10 per gallon/day for average daily flows up to 10,000 gallons/day, with an additional \$0.05 per gallon/day for any flow in excess thereof. State agencies, county or municipal governments, school districts or sewer districts are not required to pay the fee, but still must submit design plans for review (see http://www.des.state.nh.us/factsheets/wwt/web-4.htm).
Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit Request/Approval	\$1,000 when plans and specifications are submitted relative to the installation of a wastewater pretreatment facility; \$50 when plans and specifications are not required
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Surface Water Discharge Permit	None

Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator Certificate	\$30 per day for courses, \$50 for the examination, and \$50 for certificate renewal
Pre-Qualification of Consulting Engineering Firms/Approval	\$200 initial application fee; \$50 annual renewal fee
Sludge Quality Certification	\$1,000 per application (<u>In-state municipal wastewater treatment facilities are exempt from this fee.</u>)
Sludge Hauler Permit	\$100 per transport vehicle (<u>Municipalities that transport their own sludge are exempt from this fee.</u>)
Sludge Site Permit	\$100 for sites with less than 5 acres, \$150 for sites with 5-10 acres, and \$300 for sites greater than 10 acres (<u>All municipalities are exempt from these fees.</u>)
Sludge Facility Permit	Sludge composting facilities require a \$500 application fee, while all other types of sludge management facilities require a \$1,000 fee. (<u>All municipalities are exempt from these fees.</u>) The fee differential was established to encourage the development of composting operations, where possible.
Septage Holding Tank Registration	None
Septage Hauler Permit	\$100 for each vehicle tank, plus \$5 for each new permit plate (<u>All municipalities are exempt from these fees.</u>)
Septage Site Permit	\$100 for sites with less than 5 acres, \$150 for those with 5-10 acres, and \$300 for sites greater than 10 acres in size. (<u>All municipalities are exempt from these fees.</u>)
Septage Facility Permit	\$1,000, unless applicant is exempt (<u>All municipalities are exempt from these fees.</u>)
Winnepesaukee River Basin Program	
WRBP Connection Permit Request/Approval Permit	\$150 (excluding municipal fees) <u>Municipalities, counties, state agencies, and school districts are exempt from this fee.</u>
WRBP Domestic Wastewater Discharge Permit Request/Approval	<u>To the DES Wastewater Engineering Bureau:</u> \$30 for each 300 gallons/day ("gpd") of flow for the first 10,000 gpd of total flow, plus \$15 for each additional 300 gpd. A fee of \$200 per plan sheet is required for the review of pump stations, force mains, interceptors, and wastewater treatment facilities, which are submitted independently of a collection system. <u>To the WRBP:</u> \$50 for application review. (Municipalities, counties, state agencies, and school districts are exempt from these fees.)
WRBP Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit Request/Approval	\$1,000, when plans and specifications are submitted to the DES Industrial Pretreatment Supervisor with the WRBP Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit Request for the construction or installation of a pretreatment facility, or \$50, when plans and specifications are not required. A separate fee of \$50 must be submitted to the WRBP for each request. There is an annual renewal fee of \$1,000 per permit.
Petroleum Storage/Site Remediation	

Aboveground Petroleum Storage Facility Registration	None
Construction of a New or Substantially Modified Aboveground Petroleum Storage Tank Facility/Letter of Approval	None
Underground Storage Tank Facility Registration	None
Construction of a New or Substantially Modified Underground Storage Tank Facility/Letter of Approval	\$100 for any person submitting plans and specifications for a new facility, except state and local governments and other political subdivisions. The fee is used to help cover the costs of reviewing plans and specifications and conducting inspections during installation. The fee is deposited with the State Treasurer as unrestricted revenues (see RSA 146-C:7, I-a, "Underground Storage Facilities/New Facilities", http://gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/X/146-C/146-C-7.htm and http://www.des.state.nh.us/factsheets/oil/oil-3.htm).
Underground Storage Tank Facility Permit-to-Operate	\$350 for each regulated, non-residential UST facility for the five-year permit prior to issuance of a DES Permit-to-Operate. Facilities owned by state and local governments, including counties and school districts, are not required to pay the permit fee but <u>are</u> required to apply for the Permit-to-Operate every five years (see http://www.des.state.nh.us/factsheets/oil/oil-3.htm).
Underground Storage Tank Closure Notification	None
Solid Waste	
Solid Waste Standard Permit	Sliding scale for facility function, size, and life expectancy, ranging from \$2,000 to \$35,000 per facility
Solid Waste Emergency Permit	None
Solid Waste Permit-by-Notification	None
Solid Waste Research and Development Permit	Sliding scale, starting at \$1,000
Waste-Derived Product Certification	None
Solid Waste Facility Operator Certification	\$50 per year
Hazardous Waste	
Hazardous Waste Activity Notification	There is no fee to obtain an identification number; however a fee is charged based on the amount of hazardous waste shipped in each quarter. Thirty days after the conclusion of each quarter, DES will mail to each generator a report that summarizes the hazardous waste shipments and quarterly fee payment due (if applicable) (see http://www.des.state.nh.us/rims/quarterly_report.pdf). Those who manifested less than 660 pounds of waste are not assessed a fee. A minimum fee of \$50 is applied to all generators who manifested between 660 - 1,666 pounds, and those that manifested greater than 1,666 pounds are assessed a fee at the rate of \$0.03 per pound (see http://www.des.state.nh.us/rims/hwcf.htm and http://www.des.state.nh.us/rims/calculator.htm). Quarterly fees are not assessed for those wastes destined for recycling, the sludges generated at

	publicly-owned wastewater treatment works within New Hampshire, the bottom and fly ash from municipal waste incinerators, lead-contaminated soil from shooting ranges (see http://www.des.state.nh.us/factsheets/hw/hw-19.htm), or household hazardous wastes collected at household hazardous waste collection events (see http://www.des.state.nh.us/hhw/).
Hazardous Waste Standard Permit	Initial fee varies from \$1,500 to \$5,000, depending upon the type of facility permit. Additional charges may be incurred for DES review, evaluation, and processing time. Permit renewal or modification fees vary from \$750 to \$2,500.
Hazardous Waste Emergency Permit	None
Hazardous Waste Transfer Facility Permit	\$3,000, plus an additional \$1,250 to process a re-submittal, if the initial application is deemed “incomplete”. The permit renewal or modification fee is \$2,000.
Hazardous Waste Limited Permit	The initial fee is \$500. The permit renewal or modification fee is \$250.
Hazardous Waste Transporter Registration/Confirmation Letter	None



DES Application Processing Time 2002

Authorization Type	Processing Time*
Air Quality	
Temporary Air Emission Permit	30-60 days for most sources
State Air Emission Permit-to-Operate	30-60 days
General State Air Permit for Emergency Generators (Internal Combustion Engines)	15 days
New Source Review/Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit	Up to one year
Title V Operating Permit	1-5 years for the initial issuance of Title V Operating Permits, and 18 months for all new Title V sources thereafter
Stage I/II Gasoline Vapor Recovery Certificate	60 days, following a successful stage II vapor recovery test
Municipal Burn Authorization	2-4 weeks
Drinking Water	
Community Large Well Site Approval	Up to 60 days
Community Small Well Site Approval	Up to 30 days
Public Water System Design/Letter of Approval	4 weeks
Public Water System Permit-to-Operate	2-3 weeks
Drinking Water System Operator Certificate	6 weeks
Environmental Laboratory Accreditation	If an in-state laboratory requests accreditation, the process takes from three to nine months, depending on the preparedness of the laboratory. When an out-of-state laboratory requests NH ELAP to be the primary accrediting authority, it will be put on a waiting list until staff is available to conduct the on-site assessment (possibly as long as several years to complete). If the laboratory has applied for secondary accreditation, the process will take from two to three weeks to complete.
Water Well Contractor License	Examinations are administered quarterly. Applications must be received at least ten days prior to the examination date for the applicant to sit for that

	examination. Processing is completed approximately four weeks after the exam.
Pump Installer License	Examinations are administered quarterly. Applications must be received at least ten days prior to the examination date. Processing is completed approximately four weeks after the exam.
Bottled Water Source Approval	Up to 60 days
Youth Recreation Camp License	30 days
Surface Water	
Section 401 Water Quality Certificate	1-6 months, if FERC is not involved; 6-12 months when FERC has licensing jurisdiction
Site Specific Permit	4-6 weeks
Temporary Surface Water Discharge Permit	7-10 days
Public Bathing Facility Construction Approval	30 days
Wetlands	
Standard Dredge and Fill – Major/Minor/Minimum Impact Projects	Minimum and minor impact projects typically take 60 to 90 days to process, once all necessary information has been received. Six months or more may be required for major impact projects being reviewed during the busy season (March through the first snow), or if there is considerable public opposition or if the application is unusually complex.
Standard Dredge and Fill – Emergency Authorization	Immediately following the initial contact with the DES Wetlands Bureau Administrator, a completed <i>Emergency Authorization Verification</i> form will be prepared and usually sent by facsimile to the applicant. This authorization allows for emergency work to be completed without further review.
Minimum Impact Expedited Permit	30 days
Minimum Impact Agricultural Permit	30 days
Recreational Mineral Dredge Permit	2-3 weeks
Minimum Impact Forestry/Timber Harvesting Notification	7 work days
Seasonal Dock Notification for Lakes and Ponds	Immediately, upon mailing, work may begin
Minimum Impact Trail Development Notification	Immediate, based upon receipt of all required information and forms
Groundwater	
Large Groundwater Withdrawal (“Major”) Permit	Preliminary Application - 60 days; Final Report - 45 days
Large Groundwater Withdrawal (“Minor”) Permit	Preliminary Application - 60 days; Final Report - 45 days
Underground Injection Control Registration for Floor Drains	2 weeks
Holding Tank Registration	2 weeks
Groundwater Release Detection Permit	90 days
Temporary Groundwater Discharge Permit	15 days

Groundwater Discharge Permit	Up to 2 months
Groundwater Management Permit	90 days
Dam Safety	
Class AA Dam Permit (Non-Hazard Potential)	2-3 weeks
Class A Dam Permit (Low Hazard Potential)	4-5 weeks
Class B Dam Permit (Significant Hazard Potential)	6-8 weeks
Class C Dam Permit (High Hazard Potential)	10-12 weeks
Hydropower Dam Permit (All Hazard Classifications)	6-12 months for DES Dam Permit, and up to three years for a new FERC license
Septic System/Real Property Subdivision	
Approval for Septic System Construction/Operation	15 work days
Approval for Real Property Subdivision	30 calendar days
Designer of Subsurface Disposal Systems License	5 days
Installer of Subsurface Disposal Systems License	5 days
Wastewater	
Sewer Connection Permit	1-3 weeks
Sewerage Design Review/Letter of Approval	Average 2-4 weeks (Longer for large and/or more complex sewerage projects.)
Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit Request/Approval	2-4 weeks
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Surface Water Discharge Permit	12-18 months for individual permits; 2 months for general permits; less than one month for storm water or construction dewatering general permits
Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator Certificate	1-2 months, depending upon grade level of the exam
Pre-Qualification of Consulting Engineering Firms/Approval	20-30 days
Sludge Quality Certification	2-4 weeks
Sludge Hauler Permit	1 week
Sludge Site Permit	2-3 months
Sludge Facility Permit	3-4 months
Septage Holding Tank Registration	1-2 weeks
Septage Hauler Permit	1 week
Septage Site Permit	3-4 months
Septage Facility Permit	3-4 months
Winnepesaukee River Basin Program	
WRBP Connection Permit Request/Approval Permit	1-2 weeks (Lead time to obtain a permit from the N. H. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Rails & Transit can be as long as 6-9 months.)

WRBP Domestic Wastewater Discharge Permit Request/Approval	2-4 weeks (allow 3-6 weeks for larger than normal or more complex projects)
WRBP Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit Request/Approval	2-4 weeks
Petroleum Storage/Site Remediation	
Aboveground Petroleum Storage Facility Registration	30 days
Construction of a New or Substantially Modified Aboveground Petroleum Storage Tank Facility/Letter of Approval	45 days
Underground Storage Tank Facility Registration	1-2 days
Construction of a New or Substantially Modified Underground Storage Tank Facility/Letter of Approval	30 days
Underground Storage Tank Facility Permit-to-Operate	30 days
Underground Storage Tank Closure Notification	One day
Solid Waste	
Solid Waste Standard Permit	Review time typically extends for 120 days. However, actual elapsed time is highly dependent upon facility complexity and application quality.
Solid Waste Emergency Permit	This permit is issued orally by the Director of the DES Waste Management Division once it has been determined that a true emergency exists; written permit is issued within ten working days.
Solid Waste Permit-by-Notification	30 days
Solid Waste Research and Development Permit	Review time is generally 120 days. However, actual elapsed time is highly dependent on facility complexity and application quality.
Waste-Derived Product Certification	120 days
Solid Waste Facility Operator Certification	6-8 weeks
Hazardous Waste	
Hazardous Waste Activity Notification	Immediate
Hazardous Waste Standard Permit	1-2 years, depending upon the scope and complexity of the application and the length of time needed by the Hazardous Waste Facility Siting Board and the Municipal Hazardous Waste Facility Review Committee to reach a final decision.
Hazardous Waste Emergency Permit	Immediate (if oral), followed within five days by a written Emergency Permit. DES treats such requests as the highest priority and expedites its response to site officials.
Hazardous Waste Transfer Facility Permit	12-18 months
Hazardous Waste Limited Permit	30-60 days
Hazardous Waste Transporter Registration/Confirmation Letter	Approximately 3-4 weeks

***Note:** These processing times represent best estimates or statutory limits for the time it takes to complete the review of an application and formulate a decision; and are further based on extensive experience with these types of application processes. They also assume that the application was administratively “complete” when submitted to DES and that all necessary forms, plans, maps, charts, reports, fees, *etc.* had been included with the initial submittal. These processing times are provided as an index to enable the *Guidebook* user to prepare a reasonable schedule and timeline for his or her specific project, practice, or event.